

## School's Out...Who Ate? County Data: Daily Lunch Participation

### County Data: Average Daily Lunch Participation, School Year and Summer 2015

This table includes a county-by-county summary of summer and school meal data from 2015. **\*\*Please note that the following numbers should not be compared to findings from years prior due to a substantial change in methodology.\*\***

#### Average Daily Lunch Participation by County, School Year and Summer 2015

County	Average Daily Lunch Participation (Free & Reduced-Price)		Children & Youth Served During the School Year but NOT Summer	
	School Year 2015 (March & April)	Summer 2015 (July)	Total*	Percent
Alameda	42,034	11,952	30,082	72%
Alpine	56	0	56	100%
Amador	958	1	957	100%
Butte	9,938	1,028	8,910	90%
Calaveras	1,422	194	1,228	86%
Colusa	2,195	264	1,931	88%
Contra Costa	39,243	8,364	30,879	79%
Del Norte	1,246	219	1,027	82%
El Dorado	4,434	191	4,243	96%
Fresno	93,097	8,932	84,166	90%
Glenn	2,349	159	2,189	93%
Humboldt	4,764	604	4,160	87%
Imperial	16,172	1,846	14,326	89%
Inyo	813	89	724	89%
Kern	80,590	4,336	76,255	95%
Kings	11,027	535	10,492	95%
Lake	3,816	422	3,393	89%
Lassen	903	40	863	96%
Los Angeles	524,796	103,501	421,295	80%
Madera	14,421	891	13,530	94%
Marin	4,598	594	4,004	87%
Mariposa	476	2	474	100%
Mendocino	4,629	1,026	3,604	78%
Merced	29,162	3,393	25,769	88%
Modoc	594	90	504	85%
Mono	516	8	507	98%
Monterey	31,042	3,093	27,949	90%

County	Average Daily Lunch Participation (Free & Reduced-Price)		Children & Youth Served During the School Year but NOT Summer	
	School Year 2015 (March & April)	Summer 2015 (July)	Total*	Percent
Napa	4,412	435	3,977	90%
Nevada	1,564	158	1,406	90%
Orange	147,743	20,100	127,642	86%
Placer	10,307	1,079	9,228	90%
Plumas	488	126	362	74%
Riverside	164,547	18,304	146,243	89%
Sacramento	79,117	11,682	67,435	85%
San Benito	3,590	579	3,011	84%
San Bernardino	167,420	10,361	157,059	94%
San Diego	127,867	36,212	91,655	72%
San Francisco	15,585	7,153	8,432	54%
San Joaquin	50,327	3,194	47,133	94%
San Luis Obispo	7,227	906	6,321	87%
San Mateo	18,148	3,980	14,169	78%
Santa Barbara	24,612	4,497	20,115	82%
Santa Clara	52,923	8,423	44,501	84%
Santa Cruz	10,212	1,854	8,359	82%
Shasta	8,024	518	7,506	94%
Sierra	91	0	91	100%
Siskiyou	1,886	189	1,697	90%
Solano	16,284	2,056	14,229	87%
Sonoma	14,367	3,291	11,076	77%
Stanislaus	42,559	2,904	39,654	93%
Sutter	6,657	418	6,239	94%
Tehama	4,839	308	4,530	94%
Trinity	527	0	527	100%
Tulare	46,130	2,365	43,765	95%
Tuolumne	1,571	28	1,542	98%
Ventura	38,532	4,414	34,118	89%
Yolo	9,257	1,156	8,101	88%
Yuba	6,222	77	6,145	99%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>2,008,326</b>	<b>298,543</b>	<b>1,709,783</b>	<b>85%</b>

\* The Total of the Children & Youth Served During the School Year but NOT Summer is the difference between the average daily lunch participation for the school year and summer.

Source: CFPA's analysis of NSLP (public, non charter school), SFSP, and SSFO data from March, April and July 2015 provided by the California Department of Education. See full report for methodological details.

## Data Sources

The California Department of Education provided data on the number of lunches served and operating days per month for March, April, and July for sites operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the Seamless Summer Food Option (SSFO), and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

## Methodology

Statistics comparing the school year and summer were calculated using data for all sites operating SSFO and SFSP, and for public, non-charter school sites operating NSLP. Summer statistics were calculated using data from July. School year statistics were calculated using data from March and April. **\*\*Please note that the numbers in this report should not be compared to findings from years prior due to a substantial change in methodology.\*\***

### Average Daily Lunch Participation

Estimates of the number of children and youth receiving free or reduced-price (FRP) lunches per day, statewide and by county, during the summer and school year were calculated using the steps below.

#### Summer: Average Daily Lunch Participation

Total FRP Lunches Served at All Sites in July	÷	Number of Week Days in July (23)	=	<b>Average Daily Lunch Participation, Summer</b>
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#### School Year: Average Daily Lunch Participation

Total FRP Lunches Served at All Sites in March & April	÷	Number of Week Days in March & April (44)	=	<b>Average Daily Lunch Participation, School Year</b>
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Note: FRP= free or reduced-price

The resulting estimate of average daily lunch participation is most accurately interpreted as the average number of children in California who would receive an FRP lunch on any given weekday if all of the lunches served during the month were provided on weekdays and no lunches were provided on weekends.

### Summer Nutrition Gap / Children & Youth Served During the School Year but NOT Summer

The summer nutrition gap compares the “average daily lunch participation” in the school year and the summer. Specifically, the summer nutrition gap is the difference between (a) the average number of children and youth being served free or reduced-price school lunches each day in March & April and (b) the average number of children and youth being served free or reduced-price lunches each day in July. The same method was used to estimate the summer nutrition gap, or the children and youth served during the school year but NOT summer, for each county.

For the full report, policy recommendations, and additional data tables, please visit: [cfpa.net/sowa-2016](http://cfpa.net/sowa-2016).

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